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1. Between 2 and 6 November 1950 the Alvensleben Kaserne, Cottbus (N 52/A 57), was occupied by about 600 to 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Guns and vehicles were parked in the open along the southern wall of the barracks area, as no garages were available. Three rail-type rocket launchers and about 20 trucks were seen. Two groups, each of one officer and 10 soldiers, were seen training with two guns at the former horse market next to the barracks installation. Motor vehicles were seen in the billeting area. 50X1-HUM
 2. the He Mann Loens Kaserne quartered a tank unit which had allegedly returned from a summer camp. There was much activity in the billeting area. Trucks were loaded with upholstered furniture. Driving practice with three T-34 tanks was held at the nearby training area.
 3. Gate guards in front of the Sachsendorf Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Groups of five or six soldiers practiced with signal equipment at five radio trucks standing in the billeting area.
 4. About 120 soldiers were seen at field training in the area south of the water tower, on both sides of the Autobahn. *
- Comment. The report indicates that the elements of the 9th Mecz Div from Cottbus were at the post at the beginning of November. The units are believed to have returned to the post from the Weisswasser training area during October.

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